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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Akira HIROSHIGE and Yoshihiro NAKAMI  
IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM, AND  
IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS  
**Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**  
Our Ref: Q68813

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. PCT/JP01/05915 filed July 6, 2001 of Akira HIROSHIGE, Yoshihiro NAKAMI entitled IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM, AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, twelve (12) sheets of drawings. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO Form 1449 and preliminary amendment.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-204928	July 6, 2000

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

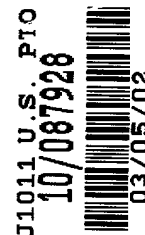
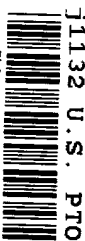
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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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